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Letter from the “Future” Editor

Dearest Readers,

Spring is here, and along with it comes warmth and beauty. There is also change, for springtime brings new beginnings.

Our beloved Emilee Bickleman is moving on. We congratulate her for all the hard work, effort, and time she has put into being a student here at Avila, as well as the Talon Magazine’s Editor-in-Chief.

Emilee is that beautiful girl next door. She is fun to be around and a talented individual. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors as an Avila Alum. She has already jumped into the “real” world with both feet. At present, she works for the MLB and interns with the Kansas City Royals.



To close this letter, I would like to introduce myself as the future Editor-in-Chief of the Talon. I hope I can build on what Emilee has done here, and thank you for taking the time to read our magazine. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as the Talon team enjoys creating it.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Carroll



Other New Leaders on the Team

Copy Editor

My name is Jackie Wacha and I am a student athlete, playing the constant balancing act between academics and basketball. I hail from Ozark, Missouri. Making time for family and friends is of the utmost importance to me. I am a workout junkie. My major is Communication: Advertising and Public Relations. Follow my blog at jackiejaye.blogspot.com



Interactive

My name is Kelby Phelps. I come from Marshfield, MO. I came to Kansas City to attend Avila University on a basketball scholarship. I am majoring in Communications with a concentration in Advertising and Public Relations. My interests include music and clothing as well as any new technology. Follow me at kelbyphelps.blogspot.com



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I am John Stoeckl, a junior majoring in Film and Digital Media. I transferred to Avila University from the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau where I studied English Literature and the Environment. I hope to someday go back to Alaska to make an impact on the preservation of nature and wildlife in what is quickly diminishing from the "Last Frontier". Follow me at alaskaeagle.blogspot.com



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We Bought a Zoo Review

By Liz Carroll

Director Cameron Crowe has done it again. *We Bought a Zoo* (Matt Damon, Scarlett Johansson) is an entertaining, heartfelt message emphasizing hope, love, and family.

This emotional true story focuses on Benjamin Mee, an adventure writer and recent widower. When his teenage son is expelled from school, Mee decides it's time to give his family a fresh start, away from the memories of his wife. That's when he buys a rundown zoo.

Mee decides he is going to fix the zoo up and get it back in its prime. The zoo also comes with its own staff, a quirky, lovable bunch of misfits. Although they support Mee's efforts, they doubt in his ability to save the zoo.

Mee's little girl, Rosie, is the ray of sunshine that steals the show and keeps him going, while his son's darkening depression causes stress on their father/son relationship.

Kelly, the head zookeeper, encourages Mee and coaches him on the ins and outs of caring for animals, but when the money flow begins to dry up, even she



fears Mee will give up on his adventure.

It seems that only a miracle can fix the situation, and that's exactly what Mee gets.

Every character goes through a trial and the power of love, family, and perseverance radiates through, giving hope to anyone who watches.

We Bought a Zoo is one of the few movies out that has a positive, encouraging message. There are plenty of laughs, characters to love (animals and people alike), and great values throughout the film.

Your Weekly Love Horoscope: April 25-May 1

Aries: March 21-April 19

Someone who isn't your usual type could express an interest in you.

Don't ignore this person. Even if he or she isn't the "right" religion, ethnicity, or race for you, you could be wrong. Be open-minded.

Taurus: April 20-May 20

A friendly sun is turning you into a babe magnet or a guy attractor. People are asking you out wherever you go. Strangers are hitting on you more than usual and casual friends are acting like they want to date you.

Gemini: May 21-June 21

Your honey might be in a bossy mood. Usually, you're a pacifist, and temper tantrums don't bother you. But with Mars stirring up some stress at your end, you might find yourself tempted to talk back and act cranky. Remember to count to 10 first.

Cancer: June 22-July 22

Pay attention to your dreams and listen to your intuition. Neptune is increasing your natural ability to pick up on signs and signals. You could foresee something in your romantic life that will help you and your honey experience healing.

Leo: July 23-Aug. 22

You're ready to show off as the moon turns you into a total exhibitionist. You'll wear a low cut top or tight jeans and flash your body on the

dance floor. Or you'll engage in flirty public displays of affection with a hot friend.

Virgo: Aug. 23-Sept. 22

The moon has you playing the skeptic, wondering if your current relationship has staying power. But don't let a bad day or a stressful week put you in a negative mood. You and your partner can still make things work.

Libra: Sept. 23-Oct. 23

You're great with words, and you could be inspired to write a love note or compose a song in honor of a special someone. The moon is increasing your creativity and giving you some great ideas about how to please your honey.

Scorpio: Oct. 24-Nov. 2

Don't let yourself get caught up in old fears and inhibitions. Neptune is stirring up memories of the past, when things weren't so great in your love life. But you've moved on and made a better situation for yourself. Keep pushing forward.

Sagittarius: Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Flirty Mars has you getting into trouble. You'll call up a coworker and ask him or her out, even though dating at work is always complicated. Or you'll try to seduce a married friend, even though you know it's a bad idea.

Capricorn: Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You and your partner are working to-

gether as a team, getting things done. A businesslike sun is helping you create schedules, divide up chores, and create a better household budget. Just remember to leave a little space on your calendar for some fun.

Aquarius: Jan. 20-Feb. 18

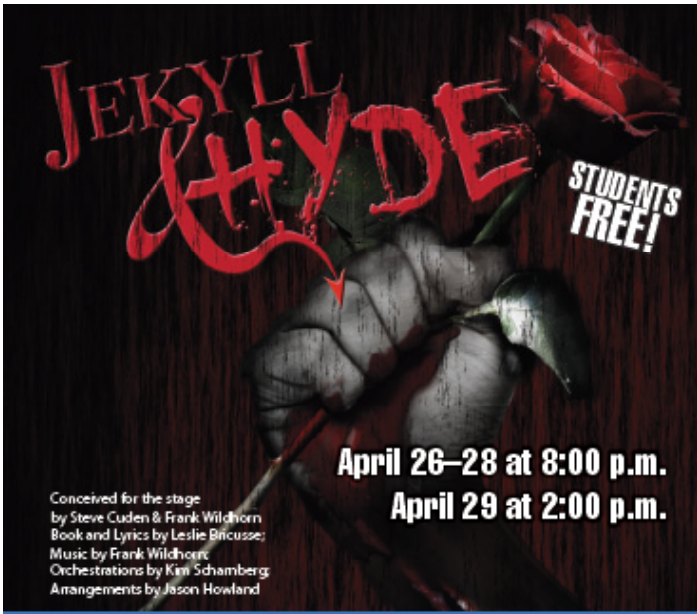
You could hear from a former flame out of the blue. Just when you thought you were over this person, those old feelings start to come over you again. The moon says don't make any sudden moves. Just notice what

you feel and analyze your reactions.

Pisces: Feb. 19-March 20

An emotional moon is encouraging you to ask for lots of hugs, kisses, and massages. You'll release stress better if you can receive lots of nurturing touch from your honey. Allow tension to move through you and out of you and remember to breathe deeply.

Jennifer Shepherd, the Lipstick Mystic, is an astrologer and syndicated columnist.



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المتحدة الأمريكية

و خصوصاً ولايات كنساس

الحدث كان عن صوت العرب في أمريكا من قبال ديكا حلواني و جوان مندل

قدومها من فلسطين إلى في المقابلة سألت جوان مندل عن شعورها بعد
أمريكا

رادة جوان قفلاً إنها شعرت بأنها تريد للشعب الأمريكي على فهم
الإنسانية و فسوة الاحتلال العسكري و لكن فحساً تريد منهم أن يرو
كراهم و ثقافتهم العربية

و بعد ذلك سألت ديكا و جوان عن كيفية تغيير حياتهم بعد أحداث 9/11

حزنيين أن حياتهم قد أصبحت أكثر و أكثر تعقيداً فأنجود و هم مو

و خلال ذلك الوقت، كثير من سكان كنساس سيئي وقفو و دعموا المجتمع
الإسلامي. و في سبيل المثال إرسال رسائل مواساة إلى طلبة المدرسة
الإسلامية من قبال طلاب المدرسة الكاثوليكية

قدون أن المجتمع العربي أصبح تم واجهت سؤالي الثالث لهم إذا كانوا يحبون
مقبولاً في أمريكا

و عبروا قائلين، لا يزال الطريق طويلاً ليصبح المجتمع العربي أكثر
قبولاً

By Mohammed
Al-Abdulla

There was a special event at the Thornhill Gallery at Avila University. It was called Voices From Arab America, given by Diana Helwani, the author of Sophia's Journal, and Joan Mandell who makes films exploring the Arab American experience.

In the interview with Mandell, I asked her about what she felt when she came to America from Palestine. She answered that she wanted Americans to understand the common humanity of Palestinians, the harshness of military occupation, but also the joys of

Arab cultural heritage.

Next I asked Mandell and Helwani how their life changed after September 11, 2001. They responded that life became more complicated. During that time in Kansas City, there were a lot of people reaching out to the Islamic community including the Catholic school across the street from the Islamic school. The kids there sent cards to the Islamic kids saying they would support them and that they knew that they were good people and not like the terrorists. They also had good communi-

رابعاً، كان سؤالني عن مشاعرهم عن أحداث ٩/١١، قالوا لي تماماً أولاً أن لا تكون هذه المفاجعة من قبل المسلمين ولكن الصدمة كانت أقوى و تم خباب أصليهم الحزن الشديد و كان الشعور متبادل من قبل كلن من أمليهم، و المجتمع العربي في أمريكا و الدول العربية

تم واجهت سؤالني الخمس ما مادة صعوبة الزواج المسلم بأمريكيه

في نظرهم قالوا أن من الصعب من المسلم أن يتزوج من أمريكية

ها إلى الإسلام و كنت مقبلة فيهم يسأل لي ذلكا و ما دفع

قالت في البداية كانت تحاول توجيه زوجها إلى المسيحية فحاولت البحث عن أخطاء القرآن دون جنوى و لكن وجدت القرآن فاهداها

cation with local churches, the police force, and other members of the community.

Another thing I asked about was if they believed that the Arab community has become accepted in the United States. According to Mandell and Helwani, they believed that the Arabic community had a long way to go before being completely accepted by the people in the United States and that it's the responsibility of Muslims to represent themselves well so that people have a good example of what a Muslim is. They also expressed that they believe it is important for the Muslim community to find a balance between maintaining and showing its identity while still engaging with the local community.

Mandel and Helwani also discussed feelings they had about September 11 at the time. Their hope, at first, was that it was not a Muslim attack. When it was confirmed, they felt very sad, they felt that it would be like another

Watergate: feelings between the Muslim community and the rest of the country would never be the same.

We also discussed the difficulties of finding marriage partners for Muslims in the United States. According to Mandel and Helwani, it is difficult to get married in the United States, especially these days.

It was interesting asking Dana Helwani how she became an American Muslim. She was a young married woman who wanted to convert her husband to Christianity. In trying to find the weaknesses of Islam, she was convinced and converted.



Dana Helwani

LIVESTRONG Sporting



Soccer is the world's sport. Even though it isn't quite as popular in the United States as it is elsewhere in the world, its popularity is growing by leaps and bounds. Here in Kansas City, we are proud to be the home of Livestrong Sporting Park. According to Major League Soccer, Livestrong Sporting Park is one of the most innovative stadiums in the entire league. Not only does the stadium host Sporting Kansas City, the local MLS team, but it also hosts concerts and events.

Recently, the stadium hosted the CONCACAF 2012 Olympic Qualifying games that help decide which of the teams will make it to the Olympic Games in London in 2012. It is an honor to be chosen to host these games, as only two other stadiums in the entire country were chosen. The stadium can seat approximately 18,500 fans, but the capacity can be expanded

to up to 25,000 for concerts and events, though most of this extra capacity would be in the form of "standing room only".

The stadium itself is quite the sight. While it does not have a full-cover roof, its state-of-the-art design prevents the seats from being exposed to rain and sun, so the fans stay comfortable and dry, while also allowing the field to be exposed to rain. It has a real grass field, which many players and coaches prefer, and the exposure is crucial to keeping the field in immaculate condition.

Not only do the fans get to enjoy comfortable seating and entertaining soccer, but there are also countless amenities and technical features that are unique to park. There are a number of food options at the stadium, ranging from The Grill to a gourmet Pizzeria. For those old enough to drink, they offer a wide variety of alco-

Park is Cutting Edge

By Katie LaRose

holic beverages. You have your typical beer, but there are also full mini-bars that can mix you up any drink right there, for a price, of course. There are also flat screen televisions located throughout the concourse so that when you are shopping for your Sporting Style apparel or grabbing something to

munch on, you can stay up to date on what is occurring on the field. Many people don't know that the stadium is also very Apple-friendly. The jumbotrons are controlled by an iPad! Fans can also send tweets to the jumbotrons to be displayed during the game. It's a unique way for the spectators to show their support.

The Mexican Olympic team celebrating after their winning goal against Canada.



Not only is the stadium one of the most innovative, its website also states it to be the first philanthropic stadium in the world. It has a partnership with Lance Armstrong's Livestrong organization, hence the name. It has promised to donate 7.5 million dollars to the Livestrong organization over the first 6 years that the stadium is open. Overall, the stadium promises a unique and fun experience for those who attend games and/or events located there.



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It Was Chocolaty Delicious!

By Josh Grimes



The Boulevard Brewery of Kansas City announced Wednesday, February 15, 2012, that during the routine quality checks of newly released, Smokestack Seasonal Chocolate Ale, unwanted flavors and aromas that were not anticipated were found in a few of the batches. They are offering a refund to anyone who has bottles that came from batches 2011-01, 2011-02 or 2011-3.

The unwanted scents and flavors did not “contaminate” any other bottles from other batches and did not affect any of the draft Chocolate Ale either. Noted by the brewery, “We can also con-

firm that the batches, in question, are not harmful to consume, but may simply display an undesirable flavor.”

The number batch is printed on each bottle and can be found on the back in the upper right corner. Boulevard is asking consumers to send information including the location where the brew was purchased, the price the ale was purchased at, and personal information including mailing address and pictures of the labels of the affected bottle(s).



When Did the Madness Begin?

By James Chapman

I sat down last week and started to think how March became the craziest month of the year. Mardi Gras was in February, the Super Bowl in January, and even America's favorite past time waits until April 1st to begin. So how did March become so popular?

In 1939, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) created the tournament we all have come to love and appreciate. The actual creator was Ohio State University coach, Harold Olsen. Originally starting with only eight teams, the NCAA has expanded the tournament 10 times due to the increasing popularity. Just this last year, the tournament was expanded from 65 teams to 68. But now to explain the fanaticism of one simple month.

We have all become accustomed to the upset picks, game winning shots, and that evil Cinderella story that ultimately ruins every bracket filled out. Although the phrase "March Madness" seems common enough, it was only thirty years ago that broadcaster, Brent Musburger, during a tournament game in 1982, coined it.

The rapid pace of 68 teams being eliminated down to that Final Four might be the true reason for the fan insanity. But we all know it is the superstitious junkies that stay glued to the TV to root for their favorite college team (and bracket) that has become a tradition and is the fuel for this Madness.

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Spiritual Wellness Day

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Marian Center
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Avila Softball vs. Evangel

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TUESDAY, APRIL 17

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Mr. Eagle Contest

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Whitfield Center Auditorium
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SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Avila Softball vs. Baker University

2 pm & 4 pm
Avila Softball Field
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Avila Spring Dance

9 pm to 1 am
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Featuring Musician Matt Corey
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Whitfield Center Auditorium
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SUNDAY, APRIL 22

Spring Fling Mass

11 am to 12 pm
Foyle Chapel
Sponsored by Campus Ministry



APRIL 16-22 WEEK EVENTS

From Nobody to Somebody: Jeremy Lin

By Jason Cheng



(Reuters Photo)

If you haven't heard about Jeremy Lin, just turn on the TV and listen to the people talking about Lin-sanity.

Whether you want to call him Lin-Genious, LinCredible or LinSane, Jeremy Lin is the most popular player in the NBA right now. On February 4th, the New York Knicks were playing the New Jersey Nets at Madison Square Garden. During the game, Carmelo Anthony was injured. Knicks coach, Mike D'Antoni, decided to think outside of the box and called on Lin. Up to that point, Lin had played mostly garbage time. As

point guard, Jeremy Lin led the team scoring 25 points and seven assists. From that day, he began his legend in New York.

Basketball is my favorite sport. I played in high school, but I quit when I entered college because I realized there were so many basketball players that were better than me. They are bigger in size and faster than I could ever be. That is why I admire Jeremy Lin so much. For NBA standard, he is not very tall, but he is quick and can think on his feet. The most amazing fact is that he is the only player in NBA history that gradu-

ated from Harvard. High IQ plus great athletic ability makes him a complete package.

There are many reasons for Lin's popularity. Whenever Lin is on the court, he controls the tempo. He plays very calm during the game and can quickly assess every situation and provide the necessary game plan to score points. Lin is also humble. Whenever he has an interview after the game, he always gives the credit to God and his teammates and insists that winning the game is not just because of him; it is because of great teamwork. His humbleness makes the audience like him.

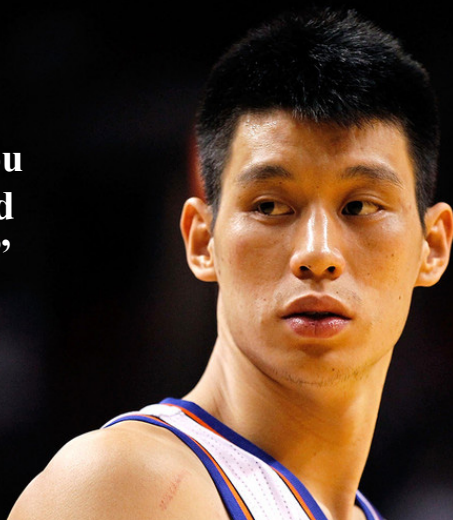
The social media in New York has made Lin an NBA superstar

since he led the team to victory on February 4th. Since that day, his pictures are on billboards, advertising, and flyers all over town. And his influence is still growing.

Some people might say Lin was lucky to be in the right place at the right time, but there is an old saying; opportunities are only for the people who are prepared. We learned of the hard work he had put in all those years before he became the media star. Like many people in this country, I also catch the Linsanity, but I also learn the valuable life lessons from him. It takes hard work to succeed; it takes enough discipline to create the right habits and an attitude that doesn't relent, with a work ethic few are willing to bear.

(Reuters Photo)

**“Jeremy Lin, you
are my hero and
my role model.”**





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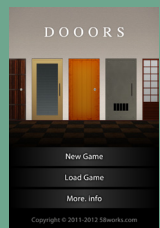
Draw Something:

A fun, interactive application that is sweeping the nation that tests your drawing abilities. Play this game and try to guess the words your friends are trying to draw. This highly addictive application is free for the Android and iPhone, and is currently ranked #1 in the app store.



Doors:

If you like to solve puzzles and have some patience, "Doors" is the application for you. This tough application comes with 35 levels, but I promise you it will take longer than what you think. Currently 13th in the application store, "Doors" is flying under the radar as one of the hottest applications.



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A Week of Service in West Virginia

By John Stoeckl

On March 10th, a van of seven students and staff embarked on a week-long ministry to Bethlehem Farm near Hinton, West Virginia. The purpose for the trip: “Community service,” said Dave Armstrong, Avila Campus Ministry Director and leader of the trip. The group spent a week staying at the farm reaching out to a community in need.

A typical day at Bethlehem was to wake up with the sun, accomplish morning chores, conduct prayer, have breakfast, and head off to one’s “assigned” community service project for the day. Clocks, watches, and cell phones were not allowed for the purpose of having a more directed focus on the

week without the usual connection to the outside world. “It was refreshing to get out of the routine of daily life; to be without my cellphone, my iPod,” commented Timothy Aderman, an Avila pre-law student and active Campus Ministry member.

Time not spent at Bethlehem farm was used in places like “Beyond Wishes,” a therapeutic horse ranch that specializes in providing riding lessons for disabled children. Other assignments included repainting the house of an elderly woman and repairing a living room floor that had holes in it. Some members found themselves tending Bethlehem’s thrift shop, “Loaves and Fishes,” and doing yard maintenance.

The group returned back to the



farm every evening around 5 pm. When asked what happened in the evenings, Armstrong noted it was typically supper, prayer, and free time. One night the group went to River of Life Church of God, where they attended an evangelical worship service and later shared a meal with members of the church and past recipients of the work Bethlehem Farm previously accomplished. “The reason we go is because only 5% of that area is Catholic,” Armstrong stated.

After a week of service, it was time to return home. The group arrived back at Avila on Saturday night. “I got more out of it than I put in it,” Aderman said, “To feed off people with a heart for community service is always uplifting.”

Those that attended from Avila were Director Dave Armstrong, Learning Center staff member Jamie Harter, and students Timothy Aderman, Megan Wilgenbusch, Joan Kessler, Jenny Gauhari, and Satoko “SJ” Senoo. But they weren’t alone. Students from other schools such as Notre Dame joined in the ministry. When asked how the week went, Armstrong didn’t mince words. “The week was effective.” He stated. “It did its job building



community, bringing us together in prayer, teaching us to live with simplicity, and giving us the opportunity to reach out in service,” directly referencing the 4 cornerstones of the Gospels: community, service, simplicity, and prayer.

Dave Armstrong isn’t stopping at taking students half way across the country for ministry work and community service. He’s already a part of setting up a local place that will be entitled “Jerusalem Farm” here in Kansas City. Many students spent Saturday, March 24th cleaning and renovating the building in preparation for this new and local ministry. Students and other groups outside of Avila University will have the opportunity to accomplish a similar week of community service and prayer right here close to home.

Sister Marie's 41 Years of Influence Recognized

By Danielle Amey

Sister Marie Joan Harris was selected as a member of the 2012 Class of Influential Women by *KC Business* magazine. Avila University honored Sister Marie on Saturday, February 25 during our "Pack the House" basketball game. To acknowledge Sister Marie, contributions could be made in her honor to the Avila Scholarship Fund. An invite to attend a special reception on February 25 prior to the game were made available with additional contributions listed in the Spring 2012 issue of *Accent* magazine.

Sister Marie commented that it was wonderful to visit with former students whom she had taught several years ago. Receiving recognition from Avila and the Athletic Department was very special, since she was a student athlete and knows the importance and enjoyment of being part of a team.

This is the sixth year that *KC Business* has recognized successful women committed to mentoring, personal growth, and community involvement. The magazine has honored nearly 150 Kansas City leaders in the corporate, non-profit, artistic, and entrepreneurial communities.

"I was quite surprised at my selection," noted Harris, "the women chosen for the award are truly amazing and it was an honor to be part of that group."

Sister Marie Joan Harris is one of only five academic leaders to ever receive this honor. She believes the key to providing leadership, guidance, and influence to the



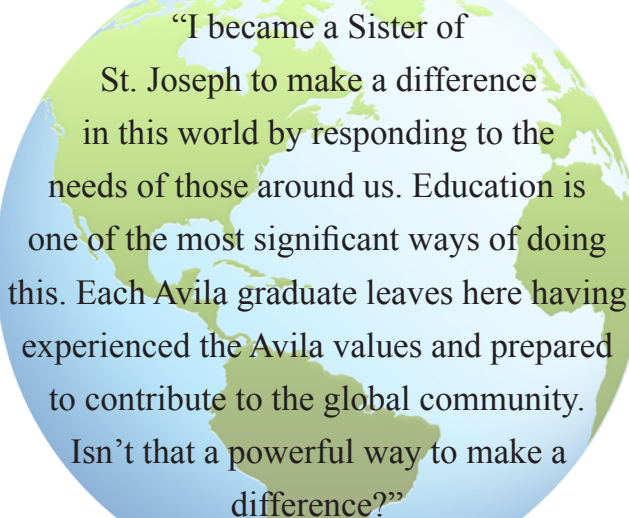
community and Avila is to recognize that each person brings numerous gifts and insights to every situation. A leader's role is to listen carefully, encourage the recognition and use of one's gifts, and to work collaboratively toward a common vision.

When asked what compelled her continue serving Avila and the community, she had this to say:

"I became a Sister of St. Joseph to make a difference in this world by responding to the needs of those around us. Education is one of the

most significant ways of doing this. Each Avila graduate leaves here having experienced the Avila values and prepared to contribute to the global community. Isn't that a powerful way to make a difference?"

With 41 years of service to the Avila community, S. Marie informed us that though she may not commit to 41 more years of serving our institution and the greater community, surprising directions always pop up in her life, so she is waiting and listening for where the Spirit leads her.



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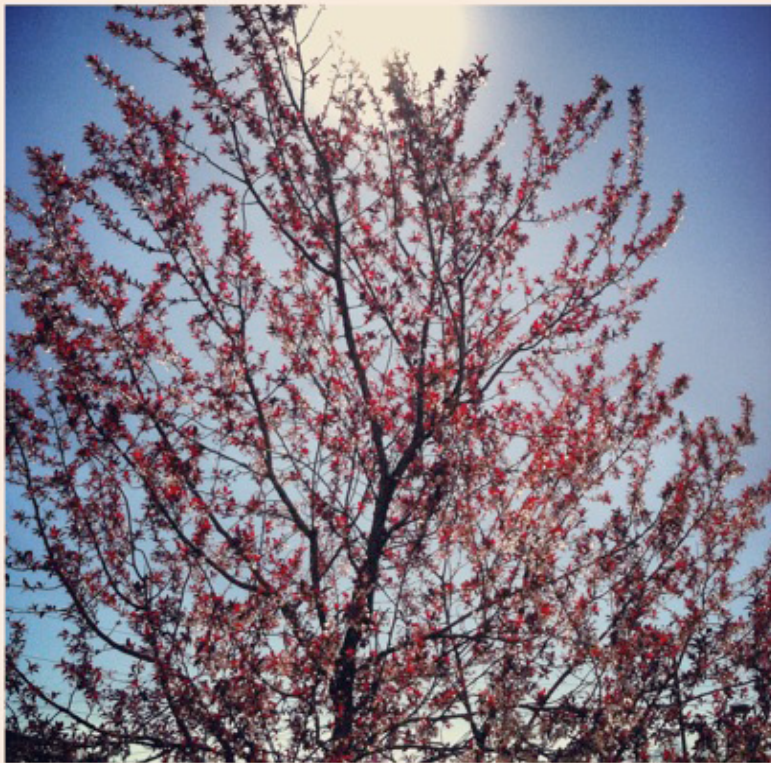
By Danielle Amey

National health awareness continues into the month of April. Health awareness observances are special days, weeks or months that aim to educate the public about health risks, organize successful health promotion events and campaigns, and generate new ideas, information, or resources on health topics of interest.

April supports a wide range of health topics such as: Alcohol Awareness Month, Autism Awareness Month, Donate Life Month, Minority Health Month, Occupational Therapy Month, Women's Eye Health & Safety Month, Infant Immunization Week, Infertility Awareness Week, Irritable Bowel Syndrome Awareness Month, Distracted Driving Awareness Month, Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month, STI Awareness Month, Public Health Week, World Health Day, and World Meningitis Day.

Several student organizations have signed up to inform on a variety of health topics on campus starting in mid-April. For more information, be sure to check the calendar below for dates & times of events or your weekly Eagle Eye.

Date	Topic	Location	Time
Mon, 4/16	Spiritual Wellness- Pay it Forward	Marian	11:30-1:00
	Blood Drive	Whitfield	10:00-3:00
Tues, 4/17	Benefits of Exercise	Marian	11:30-1:00
Wed, 4/18	Autism	Marian	11:30-1:00
Fri, 4/20	HIV Testing	Hodes	11:30-1:00
Mon, 4/23	Eat This, Not That	Marian	11:30-1:00
Tues, 4/24	Alcohol & Suicide	Marian	11:30-1:00
Thurs, 4/26	Relationship Violence Denim Day	Marian	11:30-1:00
Mon, 4/30	Stress Relief- Neck & Back Massages	Marian	10:00-3:00



The Avila University campus is starting to show the beautiful colors of springtime. Temperatures in recent days have been record breaking and there is no doubt that spring is definitely here after a very mild winter.

Katie LaRose

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A brother and sister
dye Easter eggs
at Ovila's Annual
Easter Egg Hunt.



The kids on the hunt for their eggs.
Look at them go!

Kelby Phelps



The new Avila dorm nearing completion.

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Breaking records

"The Hunger Games" grossed \$155 million, making it the third-highest U.S. film opening.

Jennifer Lawrence stars as Katniss Everdeen in "The Hunger Games"

Opening weekends, in millions

<i>Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2</i>	\$169
<i>The Dark Knight</i>	158
<i>The Hunger Games</i>	155*
<i>Spider-Man 3</i>	151
<i>The Twilight Saga: New Moon</i>	143

*\$214 million globally

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Making it Your Own

When it comes to owning a MacBook, it is more than just owning a MacBook. You become part of a culture. This is common with a variety of Mac products because the users often become attached to their Mac because of its sleek design and endless amount of tools it provides. Owners of MacBooks in particular do not even refer to it as a computer or laptop anymore. It is their MacBook.

A major part of this culture is being an individual and being unique in ones own way. How each individual decorates, garnishes, or fixes up their Mac says a little something about them. Maybe one hates for things to get dirty, they may have their Mac covered from front to back with a hard case to keep anything from harming their prized possession. What if one is a Mac purist? That person would more than likely be carrying their Mac with no case just so to emphasize the craftsmanship of their machine.

Skins are a common personalization seen on electronic devices. They typically cover the majority of the device and make a bold statement of the owner's interests. Sites such as skinit.com allow people to create full size stickers to cover ones laptop, MacBook, or even cell phone. This photo below shows the level of customization one can go into when creating their personal skin.

Another common personalization for MacBooks is stickers. Favorite bands, brands, or superheroes often make their way onto the back of a MacBook somewhere. Cases also give MacBook owners a way to protect their computer as

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Talon team members putting their MacBooks and iPads to use during a meeting.

well as add their favorite color onto their Mac. There are cases in almost every color imaginable as well as keyboard covers to add a little life while typing.

The best part about a Mac is that no matter how you choose to fix up your Apple device, you can never go wrong. So whether your a Mac purist showing off the signature brushed aluminum with the Apple sign showing, or a photographer displaying some of your best shots on the back of your Mac, or even a company CEO with your logo stamped everywhere, it says you. So whenever you decide to purchase a case or add a sticker to your Macbook, make sure it reflects you.

A close-up photograph of pink cherry blossoms. The central flower is in sharp focus, showing five petals and a cluster of yellow stamens. Other blossoms are visible in the foreground and background, but they are out of focus, creating a bokeh effect. The overall color palette is dominated by various shades of pink and magenta, with some green foliage visible in the background.

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